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SUBJECT: CANADIAN CHIEF OF MISSION APPOINTMENTS

REF: STATE 10630

1. CANADIAN POLICY AND, ALMOST INVARIABLY, PRACTICE, IS TO GIVE CHIEF OF MISSION ASSIGNMENTS (AMBASSADORS, HIGH COMMISSIONERS, CONSULS GENERAL, CONSULS) TO OFFICIALS FROM THREE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE, AND MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION. OF 114 CANADIANPOSTS ABROAD (SEVERAL INVOLVE DUAL ACCREDITATION), FIVE ARE HEADED BY POLITICAL APPOINTEES: FORMER MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PAUL MARTIN IN LONDON; FORMER MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE LEO CADIEUX IN PARIS; FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE LUCIEN LAMOUREUX IN BRUSSELS; FORMER PRESS SECRETARY TO THE PRIMIN HENRY LAWLESS IN BORDEAUX; AND DEFEATED LIBERAL M.P. JEAN CANTIN IN NEW ORLEANS. THREE POSTS - LISBON, HELSINKI, AND UNESCO ARE GEADED BY CAREER CIVIL SERVANTS FROM OTHER THAN THE THREE DEPARTMENTS MENTIONE ABOVE.

2. INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL RELATIONS (8:34) DEVELOPS CRITERIA FOR CHIEF OF MISSION ASSIGNMENTS, AND THREE DEPARTMENTS SUBMIT CANADIDATES. (17 CONSULATES ARE RESERVED FOR ITC OFFICIALS AND 5 FOR M AND I.) ICER SELECTS CANADIDATE, AND NOMINATION IS SENT BY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO PRIME MINISTER. ACCREDITATION BY GOVERNOR GENERAL IN NAME UNCLASSIFIED

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OF SOVEREIGN IS A FORMALITY. ALTHOUGH THIS ESTABLISHED

SYSTEM IS GENERALLY FOLLOWED, OFFICIALS ADMIT THERE IS
CONSIDERABLE HORSE TRADING AMONG DEPARTMENTS AND WITH
THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

3. THOSE FEW CHIEF OF MISSION ASSIGNMENTS FROM OUTSIDE
CAREER CIVIL AND FOREIGN SERVICE ARE FREQUENTLY SUBJECT
TO SHARP CRITICISM BY PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION AND
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS,
CANADIAN EQUIVALENT OF AFSA.

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